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OF THE

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Zion Missionary Baptist Association

HELD WITH

SANDY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Morven, N. C., Route 2, Oct. 13-15, 1920

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☞ Next session of the Zion Association will convene with the Nicy Grove Baptist Church, Wingate, N. C., beginning on Wednesday before third Sunday in Oct., 1921. Rev. E. H. Martin to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. W. H. Staton, Alternate.

MITTEE

Little, Wadesboro, N. C.
" B. B. Sturdivant, Polkton, N. C.
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" A. C. Chavis, Morven, N. C.
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Bro. J. R. Alsobrooks, Wadesboro, N. C.

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Bethel - Douglass Crump, W A Richardson
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Elizabeth M - C C Gatewood, Dr P F Malloy
Elizabeth P D - H C Robinson
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Flint Ridge - Julious Chambers. J H Marsh
Friendship - Horace Livingston, Rev J W Hawkins
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Meltonsville - F A Covington, Samuel Chambers
McLain Grove - S C Conrad, Thos Barror, John Leak
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Mt. Moriah - M D Kizer, J B Chambers
New Zion - J R Alsobrooks, Richard Lee
New Grove - R B McLendon, Plase Sturdivant
Nicy Grove - E W Crowder, R A Hamilton
Olive Branch - Thos S Parker, William F Hubbard
Gallilee - Isaac Bradford
Pleasant Hill - Berry Little; Thomas Ratliff
Poplar Hill - G W Tillman, E L Lomax
Parsons Grove - A D Byrd, S H Parsons, M W Williams
Poplar Springs - W E Davis, W H Parker
Ramah Grove - A C Chavis, R B Bradley
Rockford E - L N Meachum, Samuel Chambers
Rockford W - E M Tillman, C L Leak, L L Little
Sandy Ridge - T J Bivens, Wm Cash, J P McCoy
Saron - Clem McDonald, Cephas Medley
Shankle Grove - A D Davis, T C Dunlap
St. Paul - R B Douglass
Timmonsville - R T Sellers
Teal's Chapel - A D Diggs, Archie Mc
White Oak - A L Diggs, James D Ratliff

LIST OF COMMITTEES

On Officers--T J Bivens, A D Byrd, W E Davis, J C Cason. W H Horne, Thos S Parker.

On Finance--J H Marsh, R S Sturdivant, E M Tilliman, R T Sellers, J P Baucum, G W Baucum, J T Ratliff.

On Resolutions- H I Quick, C C Gatewood, G W Tillman, John E Little.

On Obituary--H I Quick, B B Sturdivant, W E Davis, A C Chavis, C C Gatewood.

On State and Condition of Country--Dr P F Malloy, R S Tanner, E L Lomax.

On Disposition of Academy Money--J F Davis, B B Sturdivant, G W Baucum, J T Ratliff, B J Parsons, D V Blakney, V B Morgan, A C Chavis, L C Phillips.

On Appropriations--W K Bennett, J W Hawkins, C L Leak, L C Phillips, J R Alsobrooks.

On New Bodies--W M Cash, Jas St. Clair.

PROCEEDINGS

Sandy Ridge Baptist Church,
Route 2, Morven, N. C.
October 13, 1920

The Zion Missionary Baptist Association met today in its forty-eighth annual session in the above named church of this place. Rev J E P Little, Moderator, presiding.

Rev J C Ellerbee called the Association together by singing hymn No. 5 S. M , and read 23rd Division of the Ps. Prayer by Rev B J Sturdivant. "What a friend we have in Jesus," etc., was sung. Prayer by Rev W H Horne.

After the praise service, Rev R S Tanner, accompanied by Rev M C Little, ascended the stand to preach the introductory sermon.

Rev Little lined hymn No. 5 C. M. Rev Tanner used as a text Gal. 4:4-5, "But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that was under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." The sermon was delivered with force and with much earnestness. "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire," etc., was sung. Prayer by Rev. Little.

Collection $10.50. Benediction by Rev R S Tanner.

AETERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled, Moderator presiding. Bro. C. C. Gatewood conducted the devotional exercises as follows: Hymn No. 132. Scripture reading St. Matthew 25:1-14 Prayer by deacon J C Cason. Hymn No. 178 S. M. Prayer by Rev. W K Bennett.

Motion prevailed to read the letters. Letters read, churches and delegates enrolled. The Moderator, Rev Little, came forword to deliver his annual address.

Rev W H Horne, Vice-Moderator, presided. One verse of "Jesus keep me near the cross," was sung. Afterwards the Moderator delivered a great address. See address elsewhere. Following the address "Nearer my God to thee" was sung. Dr. Malloy made remarks. On motion the address be referred

to propet committee, viz : G W Baucum, C C Gatewood and Rev J W Diggs.

Adjourned. Benediction by Dr. Malloy.

NIGHT SESSION

Moderator presiding. Rev W K Bennett conducted the praise services as follows : Hymn No. 523 L M. Prayer by Rev B J Sturdivant. Hymn No. 507 C. M. "I heard the voice of Jesus say," etc.

The following program was rendered by the local committee : Welcome addresses—On part of the church by Bro D L MCoy; on part of the ministry by Rev B B Sturdivant; on part of the field by Rev J T Ratliff. Response by Bro J R Alsobrooks. "I am pressing on" was sung.

Rev H I Quick, accompanied by Rev W G Flake, took a seat in the rostrum to preach a sermon. Rev Flake lined hymn No. 422, "My soul be on thy guard," etc.

Dr. Malloy read the Scriptures, St. Matthew 19:16-30. Prayer by Rev W K Bennett. Second hymn No. 293 C. M.

The Moderator, in very fitting words, introduced Rev Quick as the speaker for the hour. Rev Quick, after making some preliminary remarks, chose as text St. Matthew 19:26-29. Subject : "Does religion pay?" The speaker showed by many proofs, (modern as well as ancient) that has and does pay. He said in part that the possessor of the Christian religion is promised an hundredfold in this life, and everlasting life in the world to come. Dr. Malloy offered a fervent prayer.

"What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought," etc., was enthusiastically sung. Collection $20.00.

Treasurer and Auditor made their reports. See reports elsewhere. Reports adopted.

Various committees were appointed. Adjourned. Benediction by Dr. Malloy.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Sharply at 9 o'clock A. M. the Association was called together by the Moderator, who conducted the praise services as

follows: Hymn No. 691 S. M., "Thy way not mine O Lord," etc. Rev M C Crumpler read the Scripture, 91st division of the Ps., and led in prayer. Second hymn No. 503, "Come ye that love the Lord." The Moderator made some very interesting and touching remarks, and announced the house ready for business.

Motion prevailed that we hear the minutes of yesterday and last night read. On motion they be adopted.

The subject of "How the spirit of missions may be encouraged by the pastors among their people was ably discussed by Dr. Malloy, Revs. J F Davis, B J Parsons and H I Quick.

Some things that were emphasized were: The pastor should be thoroughly awakened to the needs of missions himself. He should be a friend to the cause. He should lead in the collections.

An invitation was extended to visitors, to which Revs. W. G. Flake and L T Allen of the Philadelphia-Yadkin Association, M C Crumpler of Monroe, N Bell and Mrs Bell of Morven and Mrs Hettie A Hunter of Winston Orphan Home, all came forward and was recognized and given seats of welcome. Revs Flake and Allen made remarks, which were enjoyed by all, and each left 25c. to help in the collections.

The Ordaining Board made report. See elsewhere for report. Report adopted.

Committee on condition of the country made its report. The report was adopted.

Messrs H H McLendon and T A Marshall, of Wadesboro (white) was recognized. The Board had sold the Zion Academy, house and lot, and Mr. McLendon was asked to make the deed. He was here to make plain the legal transfering of the property. Mr. Marshall's mission was to explain on what condition that any amount could be given by the colored people for the proposed colored hospital at Wadesboro, to wit: That the white people of Wadesboro and surrounding country had agreed to build an annex to their hospital for the colored people absolutely out of their own means and that the colored people could not give one penny toward erection of said hospital. The building would cost approximately thirty to fifty thousand dollars. But the colored people could give as an endowment, to a trustee, named by them, the interest of which would be used in caring for the sick (colored of course) at their discretion.

Motion that we donate the entire amount of the sale price of said property ($1,600.00) to a trustee of the hospital. Motion amended to refer this matter to a committee. Amendment prevailed.

Drs. A. W. Pegues and J. L. Peacock of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., were introduced and made welcome. Also Dr. W H Knuckles of Lumberton Institute and Rev B F McManus of St. Paul Association.

Motion, adjourned. Collection $7.25. Benediction by Rev. I S A Hilliard.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order. Bros. Dorsey Bennett & S. S. Bennett conducted the devotional exercises as follows :

"Oh for a heart to praise my God," etc., was sung. Prayer by Rev A C Chambers. Second hymn, "Oh where shall rest be found." Afterwards the house was announced ready for business. First was an address by Dr. J. L. Peacock, President of Shaw University. Dr. Pegues introduced Dr. Peacock as being particular interested in the education and preparation of the ministry; as also along the literary training and general uplift of our people. Dr. Peacock, after making some remarks, set out to address us on the subject of "The church and the ministry." In this address the speaker held the closest attention of his hearers. He proved to us beyond a reasonable doubt that he was truly a friend to our people.

The committee to whom were referred the matter of disposing of the proceeds of the sale of Zion Academy reported. See elsewhere for report. Report adopted.

On motion, Bro. R. J. Beverly be Hospital Trustee for Zion Association.

On motion Rev Davis was granted leave of absence. Collection $3.00. Benediction by Rev B J Parsons.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association was called together. Bro J S Marshall and Rev E H Martin conducted the praise services as follows : Hymn No. 472 C. M. Prayer by Rev J C Ellerbee. Rev Martin read the Scripture, 1st Corinthians 17th chap. Prayer by Bro J S Marshall.

Dr P F Malloy, accompanied by Rev D V Blakney, ascended the rostrum to preach.

Rev Blakney lined hymn No. 151 C. M., "Father I stretch my hands to thee." Rev J W Hawkins read Col. 1:1-15, and led in prayer. Second hymn No. 277 C. M.

Dr. Malloy, after being introduced by the Moderator, arose and announced as a text Col. 1:23. "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the Gospel," etc. Subject: The hope and power of the Gospel of salvation."

This sermon was one of thought, fraught with the spirit, and delivered with power and demonstration. Those of us who heard this message felt ourselves honored. Collection $20.28.

Mrs. Hunter, representing the Orphan Home at Winston-Salem, spoke to us of the work and needs of the Home. Collection for the orphans $17.25.

The Corresponding Secretary made the report for the Executive Committee. See report elsewhere. Report adopted. Benediction by Dr. Malloy.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled, with the Moderator in the chair. Rev J C Ellerbee conducted the praise services as follows: Hymn No. 489, "How happy every child of God," etc. Scripture reading, St. John 14:1-27. Prayer by deacon V. B. Morgan. "I'm not ashamed to own my Lord," etc., was sung. After which the Moderator announced the house ready for business.

Committee on obituary made report. See report elsewhere.

On motion, memorial services be last period this morning.

On motion of Dr. Malloy, ten per cent. of the public collection in the Association, except special collection, be supplimented to the am't. Sent up by the various churches for aged ministers, and given to the Superanuated ministers of the field. Mrs. Annie C. Robinson, President of the Women Home Mission Union came before us; told us of the work the women were doing and asked to be allowed a space on our program. She donated $20.00 from the Union. Miss Ida Shadd, who was in our midst and about to leave, donated $2.00.

Dr. A. W. Pegues made a strong address on the subject of "tithing." He emphasized the fact that giving should be regularly and systematically. Several references of the Scripture were used to show that God in olden time, and still do now require the tenth, and in addition, a free-will offering according to our ability. The address was most practical and most helpful and enjoyed by all. Collection $22.26.

Committees on Place and Officers reported. See report.

Adjourned. Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled. Moderator in the chair.

Bro. Isaac Bradford lined and sang S. M. hymn and offered prayer.

Memorial services were held in honor of the late Father Joe Ratliff. Those who made talks were Revs. J C Ellerbee, J E P Little, W H Horne, J N Bennett, R Diggs, I S A Hilliard, and possibly others. Mrs. A C Robinson spoke for the women of the field. This service was very impressive, and many felt that a great man had fallen in Israel, One verse of "Shall we meet beyond the river" was sung, which closed the exercises.

On motion a vote of thanks turned to Sandy Ridge and community for their kind hospitality.

On motion, we pay all indebtedness due. Finance committee made their report. See report elsewhere.

On motion, we set aside $100.00 for ministerial education, to be given to five worthy ministers $5.00 per month each for four months—these amounts to be sent to the dean of Shaw University as their school bill came due to be credited thereto.

On motion the Moderator's address be placed In the Minutes. Benediction by Rev W K Bennett.

REV. J. E. P. LITTLE, Moderator.

Bro. A. L. LEAK, Secretary.

APPENDIX

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

It is again we are permitted by an All Wise Providence to meet in this our 48th annual session of the Zion Missionary Association. And our gracious Heavenly Father has seen fit to bring us through another expidemic the past winter and spring. More disasterous to our people than that of the previous year. And through it all only one link of our ministerial chain has been broken. So let all say: Bless the Lord oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

While the year past has not been without its dangers it has not been without its responsibilities. The demands of the churches has been large and far-reaching. We have been attempting big things for God this year—bigger than ever before. Under the guidance of God and through the plan of our State Convention the Baptist churches of our great State I will say more than 300,000 Baptists have been asked to raise $150.000 for the cause of education and missions that the cause of the kingdom of our God might be carried to the uttermost parts of Hayti, the dark continent of Africa. How well we have succeeded I feel safe in saying you already know.

Now to my mind the big question that seems to each of us as pastors and leaders in our churches, representatives of Christ, what have we done for this great movement for the Lord? Have we been a slacker or have we done our part? Brethren I feel like saying that if we have not done our best to bring up the amount that has been asked of us that we have not done our part. Remember the words of our Lord to his preachers how he said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16 chap. and 15th and 16th verses.

But brethren do not understand me to believe that we haven't done our best. I know of nothing better to say than these words: the field is white for the harvest but the laborers are few. Bleed-

ing Africa waits for Christian America. But the army of our God, that part of the army led by the Baptist State Convention cannot play its part in the field of battle against the enemy, sin, ignorance, superstitution, and idolatry, without the ministers and churches of Zion Association. Haiti, our neighbor lies prostrate at this very hour shackled with superstition and hand-cuffed with Roman Catholicism, and if she is set free it must be done by the Christian religion, and it appears it must be be carried by the colored brethren of America. For our blessed Lord said: That this Gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then the end comes! Mat. 24:14.

Further, I would speak of education. Notwithstanding the fact that we have sold our school plant and are not contributing directly to any educational institution on our field, yet the cause of education lies just as heavily on our hearts, and we are as deeply interested in the education of our people as ever before. While it is true that we have sold our school, yet we should not overlook the cause of education, as it is being carried on in our county. It is with joy I can say that we have a central school plant that is doing the work in a larger and a more efficient way than we could have carried it out in our local plant. We have a building when completed will cost $12,000. At present with a faculty of nine teachers and a high school department. It is no longer necessary for us to send our children out of the county to school because we have a school at our door so to speak that that is as good or better than a number of the secondary schools in the State, and this institution is located in the center of our county, the county seat Wadesboro. We should not neglect to educate our children. It is just as true as the one is that the man that knows is the man that will lead. And the parent that fails so educate his children handicaps his children forever in this life as nothing else has ever done. The great world war has taught us one great lesson, and that is that we must educate. I would not fail to mention Shaw University, our State school. We must not and cannot forget old Shaw. Her influence is felt in every nook and corner in the old North State.

The principal of the Training and Public School at Wadesboro is a graduate of Shaw University. Your humble servant owes what he is to Shaw University. Rev J F Davis, Dr P F Malloy and others in our field that are living useful lives owes what they

are to Shaw University.

The vision of the church is broadening and we are beginning to feel our responsibilities more keenly than in the past. The cry of the orphanage at Winston-Salem comes to our ears. It comes not only as an opportunity to do service for God, but as a responsibility and a duty. The Scripture says pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and keep himself unspotted from the world. James 1:27.

RECOMMENDATIONS.—I would recommend that the Association stand loyal by our State work.

Further, I would recommend that we encourage the ministry that they better fit themselves for their chosen profession.

I would again recommend that we encourage our people to educate themselves.

I would recommend that we help the orphanage at Winston-Salem by contributing of our means for its support.

I would recommend that the Women's Home Mission Society became an auxiliary to the Association.

REV. J. E. P. LITTLE, Moderator

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Morven, N. C., Oct. 13, 1920

To the Moderator and Brethren of the Zion Association in session at Sandy Ridge, Oct. 13, 1920

We, your Executive Committee, submit the following as our annual report for the year ending Oct, 12, 1920:

We have just passed a very critical period in the history of our Association from many points of view. Last year the prices of our produce soared high, prosperity abounded, great undertakings were launched. Conditions have materially changed since; there have been such a slump in the prices of our commodities. Necessarially there will be a stagnation in the business world. Religious world is not excepted.

At the last Association a committee was appointed to confer with similar committee from other Associations on plans of establishing and maintaining an Associational School.

This committee met at the first Baptist church, Wadesboro, and drew up articles of agreements, which was printed and distributed among the churches.

This report was adopted by the Zion and Phil.-Yadkin Associations. Nothing else has been done, and, so far we see, there is no hope held out for this project to materialize conditions around Long Pine church, grown out of a misunderstanding between pastor and deacons of said church, was of such nature that it necessitated in the Executive Committee being called there to try to help them.

On the 22d of May the committee met at Long Pine Church to hear complaint. After listening to statements on both sides they, the officials of this church, agreed to accept advice. The advice follows: 1st, the receiving into the church one Mr. Carl Little, hailing from an A. M. E. Zion church, without baptizing him, was an error, and that he should be baptized. 2nd, The excluding of deacon J T Bennett without a charge being prepared was an error, and that the church should recind her action.

3rd. The receiving of one Bro Scott, hailing from a Baptist in S. C., and that church still in existence, without a letter of dismission, was an error, and that he should be required to get his letter at once. Both sides accepted.

The expense of this meeting was paid by the church.

Failing to act in accordance with the agreement, the matter was referred to the Ordaining Board.

On Aug. 28th the Ordaining Board, together with the Executive met at the Ebenezer Church, Wadesboro, to investigate and make report for the Association.

The Ordaining Board requested the Executive Committee to put the report in their records. The report follows:

1st. We endorse the advice given by the Ex. Com. in May.

2nd. That Mr. Carl Little remain neutral until his baptism is established.

3rd. The deacons that were recently set apart, according to the third chapter of 1st Timothy, were not Scripturally constituted, and they be not considered.

4th. We regard the greater part of this trouhle grew out of the ill advice and irregular practice of the pastor. We recom-

mend that he, Rev. J. C. Ellerbee, make suitable acknowledgement to the church, and endeavor to adjust all matters between now and the Association. If this is not done, the pastor nor church will be considered in good and regular standing in Zion Association.

At the Union Meeting in May, the Field voted to sell the property at Zion Academy. We gave our hearty approval. We recommend that the proceeds derived from the sale of the Zion Academy, fixtures. furniture and real estate be invested in some safe security, which will yield the largest interest. Said interest be collected and turned over to Zion Association each and every year, to be paid out for missions till the Association decides to make a final disposition of the principal. The committee met at Wadesboro the 31st of July to arrange program for the Association and review the work of the field, and made the following order: That all the money belonging to Zion Association, not provided for in this report above, be placed the First National Bank of Wadesboro credited to Zion Association.

2nd. That our War Saving Stamps be registered if not already been done so.

3rd. The money paid in by the different churches on Dormitory, less the amount due by each church on special appropriation, be refunded.

The expenses of the committee from July 1918 to Oct. 1920, is $61.00. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. BAUCUM, Co. Sec.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Polkton, N. C., Oct. 13, 1920

Bro. Moderator and members of Zion Association, I herewith submit to you my annual report for the year ending Oct. 1, 1920.

Debits—Balance brought forward	$325.39
Received at last Association	547.11
Received at Nov. Union Meeting	108.00
Received at May Union Meeting	90.35
Total -	$1,070.85

Credits ;—

No. 1,	G W Watkins, State missions	25.00
" 2,	G W Watkins, on Automobile	7.36
" 3,	J E P Little, service as Moderator	10.00
" 4,	A L Leak, Clerk services & expenses	21.19
" 5,	Rev J Ratliff, Donation	25.00
" 6,	" R Diggs, Donation	7.43
" 7,	" J N Bennett, Donation	7.43
" 8,	Mrs Lucy Thompson, Orphan Home	32.70
" 9,	Rev D A Tillman, Donation	7.43
" 10,	" Daniel Covington	7.43
" 11,	" B J Sturdivant, Donation	7.43
" 12,	" B J Parsons, Ramah G. church	25.00
" 13,	" J W Hawkins, Friendship "	10.00
" 14,	G W Baucum, services & expenses	21.00
" 15,	B B Sturdivant, Treasurer	7.00
" 16,	Mrs Cary Dabney, Donation	5.00
" 17,	A L Leak, Rep. in State Con.	90.00
" 18,	Rev B J Parsons, Mod. U. M't'g	3.95
" 19,	Rev J T Ratliff, Sec'y Union Meet'g	4.50
" 20,	Ed Bivens, Sexton, Nicy Grove	1.50
" 21,	Rev J F Davis, ex. to com. meeting	2.60
" 22,	A L Leak, printing com.'s report	2.30
" 23,	Rev M C Little, Oakboro church	5.00
" 24,	Rev W H Horne, Bethel church	5.00
" 25,	E W Crowder. Nicy Grove church	2.50
" 26,	W Y Hinson, donation	5.00
" 27,	Rev H D Tillman, donation	2.50
" 28,	A L Leak, printing minutes	80.00
" 29,	Rev B J Parsons, Mod. U. meeting	2.00
" 30,	J T Ratliff, Sec. Union meeting	2.50
" 31,	Richmond Sturdivant, Brown C. Ch.	10.00
" 32,	Rev R Diggs, donation	2.00
" 33,	Samuel Streater, Sexton Brown C. Ch.	1.00

Total, -	$449.45
Balance in Treas.	621.40

I, J. C. Cason, have carefully examined the Treasurer's report and book; and find them all O. K.

J. C. CASON, Auditor of Zion Association

REPORT OF ORDAINING BOARD

Behold another year begins. Set out afresh for heaven. Seek pardon for thy former sins in Christ so freely given. The word of God is quick and powerful, sharper than any two edged sword. It is the one great remedy for the word's great malady. Ye that have the commission, preach Christ. He will save the world. If they will not receive you into this city, go into another. If they will not receive you there, go into another. Verily Christ says so to you. I say to all, dwell with the spirit. He will fill you with Christ and his message, which is God's only sufficient answer to the world's great need. There are some say they are called to preach, and will not learn to read God's word correctly, and yet they cumber the ground on which a substantial ministry ought to thrive. There are strange things happening in this land. Churches calling leaders to lead them that do not know as much as the congregation, and forcing the Board to ordain them for their leaders. Now if this bearer can't be removed we shall soon bite the dust.

Though we are glad to note the growing interest manifested by some of our ministers in that they are not only growing in missionary seal, but in the great growth of the knowledge of God's word. The following will be a tacit report of the work done during the interval of our sitting.

July 18, we met at McLain Grove to set apart Bro. S. C. Conrad, to the full work of the gospel ministry. Bro. Conrad made the required marks, and he was ordained.

Sept. 12, Bro. James Diggs of Chilson Grove was brought before the Board at Elizabeth P. D. Introduced by the deacons of his church as having work awaiting him, and asked us to ordain him for the work. On this account we had to ordain him.

We recommend the following brethren to the list of ordained preachers: S C Conrad, McFarlan, N. C.; W C McRae, Pee Dee, N. C., and James Diggs, Pee Dee, N. C.

On Aug. 28, the Board was also called to Wadesboro, jointly, with the Executive Committee to attempt to settle the difference

between Long Pine church and its pastor, J C Ellerbee. The Executive Committee has the report.

Respectfully submitted, THE BOARD.

Rev. B J Parsons, Chairman
" J F Davis, Sec'y

REPORT ON CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY.

We, the colored people of the Zion Baptist Association and of Anson County, desire to make ourselves useful citizens, and to cultivate the best possible relations between the two races. We note with interest and hope the growing opportunities for the education of our people, both by the National Government, and by the State, especially the advantage given to colored wounded soldiers in vocational education. Every wounded man of our race may enter some school of trade to prepare himself to make a living.

We hail the Jean fund as well as the State and Rosenwell fund, which foundations are bringing our people forward in a most satisfactorily way. We council our people to abstain from any and all things that lead to race troubles and conflicts, and to do everything in their power to uphold law and order.

We also deplore the practice and dark cloud of the lynch law in our fair country, and the cause that brings them about. We urge our people to be law abiding in the face of all odds. We also feel that our white friends who know that the colored man is the back bone of labor in this Southland, should do all they can to give us better accommodation on the public highways and in railroad stations, as these things are driving thousands of our people away from the South to seek better accommodations in the North. The negro is looking for better things now, and it seems that he will have them, if he has to go after them. We know that the school house is the base of all intelligence, and the negro has his eyes open to the state of affairs. He wants better school facilities, better paid teachers—at least, teachers paid a living salary, and longer terms of session, and he will stay in the South or any other section of the country that gives him these ad-

vantages. The negro was home in the South, and the white people like him better than any other nationality; and to keep him here is the hope of the South.

We as a Christian organization of colored people, are hoping and pleading for a better time in our Southland, and therefore appeal to our lawmakers, white ministers and churches to come to our rescue and make this Southland the Paradise of America by helping the negro along the lines mentioned above.

Respectfully your Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Bro. Moderator: We, your committee on resolutions, beg to submit this, our report: Whereas, many of the churches are not yet assured of regular service, and whereas, many of the pastors are not definite as to their fields of labor. This is largely due to the lateness of the call extended. Therefore, be it resolved,

1st. That our churches notify the present pastor at least ninety days prior to the change, and the pastor also notify the church ninety days, should he desire a change in his field of labor.

2nd. That the calls and the accepting of calls be understood to be indefinite.

3rd. That the pastors of Zion Association preach special sermons on missions and urge them.

4th. That this Association recommend that all churches that can, support the pastor two Sundays in each month, thereby keeping our forces concentrated.

Respectfully your Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

Mr. Moderator, we, your committee on obituary, beg to report the following: After careful consideration through the various delegates, that the mighty hand of death through the Providence of God, has taken from our midst our ex-Moderator, Rev. Joseph Ratliff. He served nearly the entire time since the founding of Zion Association with honor to himself and also to the Association. Rev. Ratliff was about eighty-six years of age. He died May 17, 1920.

Brethren, know ye that a great man has fallen in Israel. Therefore we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well. We recommend that a special hour be set apart for words of condolence.

Respectfully your Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Collected:	Representing fee	$249.27	
	For Orphan Home	65.50	
	For State & Foreign Missions	43.64	
	For Aged Ministers	36.60	
	For Ministerial Education	31.90	
	On the Drive	28.64	
	By Public Collection	122.71	
	Total - -		$578.26
	Balance Brought Forward,		621.40
	Rec'd from Dorm. Treas.		85.45
	Aggregate		$1,285.11

RULES OF DECORIUM

1st. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve decorium in the Association. Of him punctuality and vigilance are particularly required. He shall open and close the Association with prayer to God or call on some brother to perform the service. He shall appoint committees with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof and decide questions between contending claims. He may require motions to be presented in writing whenever he deems necessary.

2nd. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the members, minute the proceedings of the body, and discharge such duties as belonging to a Recording Secretary.

3rd. The members of the Association to observe the respect to the officers and each other which becometh those who reverence the Great Being whose cause they should labor to promote. All invectives should be carefully avoided while speaking, and those who are speaking should refrain from all such indecorious conduct that is calculated to throw odium on the speaker or to interrupt his chain of thoughts or feelings or in any way disturb the peace of the Association. No person may withdraw from the Association without permission from the Moderator. Let all things be done decently and in order.

4th. No member of a committee shall be considered in order who, while said committee's report is under discussion by the house, shall take the negative side of the report.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The primary object of this Association shall be to increase the spirit and efficiency of the churches; to support the Gospel in destitute places among us; to assist the churches in the erection of suitable buildings for worship; to organize churches and Sunday Schools whenever practicable; to raise contributions for State, Home and Foreign Missions; and to co-operate with the Union Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in all of its plans of Educational and Missionary work.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist churches in good standing, and in full practice of the faith, discipline, ordinances, and of the doctrine of regular Baptist denominations. Also of the regular ministers in good standing in the churches in the bounds of this Association, and messengers elected annually by the churches of this body.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, an Auditor, an Executive Committee of seven, and an Ordaining Board. The Moderator, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute three members of the Executive Committee. These officers shall be elected annually and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Art. 5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings or call some brother to fill the chair, and enforce order in accordance with the Rules of Decorum and Constitution. He shall settle points of order; give the casting vote in case of a tie, and appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered by the body.

Art. 6. The Recording Secretary shall perform the usual duties belonging to such office. He shall sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer

Art. 7. Corresponding Secretary shall take charge of all the Correspondence between this Association and other bodies. All communications and appeals to the various churches of this field shall be sent to him. He shall be ex-officio Secretary to the Executive Committee.

Art. 8. The Treasurer of this Association shall be Treasurer of the Union Meeting. He shall hold all monies and valuable papers belonging to this Association. He shall pay orders only when they are properly drawn and signed by the Moderator and Secretary. He shall give an annual report to this body, preceded by an examination and endorsement of the Auditor. He shall give bond to the full security of the Associational property in his hand.

Art. 9. The Executive Committee shall have full charge of the Association when it is not in session. They shall draw the plans of operation for the field approved by the Association. All claims on the Treasury of this body must be presented to the Executive Committee. They shall meet as often as called together by the Corresponding Secretary and Moderator, and shall make full report of their work to the Association through the Corresponding Secretary. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 10. The Ordaining Board shall have the supervision of the Ecclesiastical department of the Association. They shall examine all applicants for ordination, and pass on the credentials of all members of this body. All requests for ministerial aid from this Association must be recommended by the Ordaining Board. The funds coming up to this Association for aged ministers shall be divided between such brethren as are recommended by the Ordaining Board.

Art. 11. Any regular Baptist Church may continue its membership in this Association by the payment of seven (7) cents per capita for each of its members. (Said 7 cents is also the representation fee into the various Union Meetings). Two-fifths of which shall be used for

general expenses, and three-fifths for local education, and raising money for missions. Any church failing to come up to the financial requirements of the Association shall not be considered in good standing and not allowed to enroll 'till satisfaction is rendered to this body by such church.

Art. 12. New constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other deliberative bodies of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Association by sending their messengers to an annual meeting with letters of petition, and agreeing to the declaration of principles laid down in God's word.

Art. 13. The members, convened in this Association, shall have no ecclesiastical or disciplinary power over the churches.

Art. 14. The Association shall meet annually and be composed of not more than 3 messengers from each church, with a letter, giving the condition of the church. Said meeting to convene on Wednesday before the third Lord's day in October at 11 o'clock A. M., and with an introductory sermon, and continue in session until business is completed. The Union Meeting shall meet on Friday before each fifth Sunday or as often as may deem practicable; and should there fail to be a place for a Union Meeting at the session, the Executive Committee shall find a location and notify the field immediately through the Cor. Secretary.

Art. 15. No difficulty between churches or church shall be heard by this Association until Gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

Art. 16. Any church a member of this body that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after Gospel steps have been taken to reclaim it, and it persists in its course, shall no longer be a member of this body, and the reason in full shall be published in the minutes. Any church failing to represent by letter or messengers two consecutive years, shall be visited by suitable admonition, and if it neglects to represent the third year, it shall be dropped from this Association.

Art. 17. All visiting ministers shall be welcomed to seats among us but not allowed to vote.

Art. 18. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Provided such amendments shall be submitted on the first day of the sitting of the Association, and adopted on a subsequent day.

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastors Salary	Church Expenses	Poor	Missions	Education	Orphanage	Aged Ministers	Total Expenses and Contributions	Value of Church Property
Bethel	36 00	7 80					1 00		500
Brown Creek	225 00	265 90	4 00		50	25	1 00	492 65	3 000
Cedar Creek	125 00	37 21	2 50	50			50	135 75	1 900
Chilson Grove	81 43	98 90	56	4 00		75	37	186 01	1 500
Chambers Grove	55 00	302 73	25 00	50		50	25	383 98	250
Cool Spring	41 93	4 49	25	25	25	25	50	47 92	850
Deep Creek	300 00	195 18	94 91	200 00	50	25 00	50	979 92	4 000
Ebenezer	225 00	221 43	2 50	15 00	50	12 00	50	374 93	1 500
Elizabeth M	120000	105761	25 80	40 00	3 00	00	2 00	232638	8 000
Elizabeth P D	157 00	107 99	8 72	20 10		8 90	1 00	338 60	2 000
Fletcher's Grove	356 23	38 40	8 25	3 00	50		2 00	404 98	1 500
Flint Ridge	200 00	14 66	45 94	50	1 00	2 65	1 00	263 20	1 300
Friendship	350 00	305 88	8 00	15 00	1 00			645 88	3 000
Long Pine	200 00	6 65	9 76	10 60	1 00	1 50	4 00	233 51	1 500
Madison Grove	155 85	22 43	6 20	20 12	9 55	2 61	2 00	217 96	2 500
Meltonsville	300 00	52 19	37 41	43 87	1 00	00	2 00	874 99	1 200
McLain Grove	176 13	17 83	20 00	75	75	3 75	1 00	220 21	1 000
Mt. Zion	221 65	11 72	16 29	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	257 66	1 000
Mt. Moriah	60 50	98	14 52	50	50	50	52	77 82	300
New Zion	159 00	78 89	20 25	50	25	3 30	25	243 76	1 500
New Grove	151 78	145 13	1 67	25	25	25	25	313 99	900
Nicy Grove	250 00	76 64	30 59		1 00	1 35		405 42	2 500
Olive Branch	52 00	2 68	13 00					67 98	350
Gallilee	83 79	307 66	2 10			1 34		395 39	1 000
Pleasant Hill	125 00	38 71	6 00			1 00	25	156 00	500
Poplar Hill	156 00	246 05	14 65					416 70	700
Parsons Grove	334 60	351 25	23 00	20 00		10 50	1 00	817 35	3 000
Poplar Spring	334 00	81 95	33 84	22 30		4 00	50	476 09	1 500
Kamah Grove	200 00	312 10	50	50	25	1 00	50	514 85	2 500
Rockford E	250 00	41 62	11 13	3 28	1 00	1 00	1 00	309 03	1 700
Rockford W	200 00	200 60	15 75	11 20	1 00	4 00	2 00	434 55	2 000
Sandy Ridge	200 00	214 59	8 54	38 51	20 25	1 00	1 00	453 83	2 000
Saron	100 00	279 89	22 75	1 00	1 00	4 25	1 00	543 14	1 500
Shankle Grove	200 00	173 73		4 22			25	278 20	800
St. Paul	972 00	160 50	150 00	25 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	131050	2 400
Timmonsville	150 00	6 86	1 00	25	25	25	25	159 86	1 000
Teal's Chapel	113 25	7 87	1 15	50	25	25		123 27	500
White Oak	775 00	36 36	35 00	50	25	8 38	25	211 74	1 100

CIRCLES AND THEIR DELEGATES

Friendship
Brown Creek—Fannie Simons.
Mt. Zion
New Grove—Alice Jackson
Saron—Piney Staton
Elizabeth M——.....Prigett
McLain Grove
New Zion—Ella Williams
Nicy Grove—Mary Crowder
Elizabeth P. D.—Emma Pratt
Poplar Springs—Willer Curlee
Deep Creek—Katie Horne
Parsons Grove—Ellen Rickets
Long Pine
Ebenezer
Rockford E—Rosa Caraway
Oakboro
Chilson Grove—By Letter
Meltonsville—M J Crowder
Fletchers Grove
Ramah Grove
White Oak——.....Ratliff
Pleasant Hill—Rev J C Ellerbee
Sandy Ridge
Madison Grove
Poplar Hill——.....Lomax

PROCEEDINGS

The ninth annual session of the Baptist Women's Home Missionary Convention of the Zion Association was called together by the President, Mrs Annie C Robinson. The meeting was opened with praise service, conducted by sister Pratt and others. "Draw me nearer blessed Lord," was sung. Sixth chapter of Corinthians was read; prayer was offered by sister Alice Jackson; many testimonies and praises. The Holy Spirit came in our midst. The praise services being closed, the President came forward, and in her graceful and dignified manner, addressed the sisters. Collection $7.05. God's blessings were asked on the offering by sister Henretta Diggs. Benediction by Rev Horne.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention was called together with singing "Since Jesus changed this heart of mine," led by sister Piny Staton. "A few more years shall roll," was sung. Prayer by sister Nezzie Horne. 1st division of the Psalms was read. Prayer by sister C C Bowell. The praise service being closed, the President, with a few timely remarks, opened the Convention for business. An invitation was extended to visitors, to which Revs. G A Mial, W M Allen, George Bird, Miss Alberta Robinson and Mrs Mary Robinson. All came forward and were given seats of welcome in the Convention.

The welcome addresses were as follows: On part of the church by Prof. Smith; on part of the Circles by Miss Pearl Tillman. Responded to by Mrs Emma Pratt. All of which made us feel that we were truly welcome.

The minutes of the last Union was called for, read and received.

The different Circles were called for and the delegates enrolled.

Revs G W and C W Carver were introduced to the Convention and were made welcome. Each made remarks along the lines of missions.

The various committees were appointed. The President asked Rev W M Allen to lift the collection. Amount $3.60.

Rev Mial envoked God's blessings on the offering.

NIGHT SESSION

Praise services led by sister Eliza Robinson and others. "I heard the voice of Jesus say" was sung. Fifth chapter of St. Matthew was read. Prayer by sister Annie Cash.

After many songs and praise, the exercises were brought to a close. The President then came forward, and with words of fervancy, she spoke to her sisters, and then asked God to guide them. She announced the house ready for business.

Rev Barker of the Presbyterian church was introduced to the house. Came forward and spoke to the delegates on missions.

The literary exercises of the W. I. C. Circles and the Sunshine Band were taken up by Mrs. Blalock. Many songs and recitations were rendered. Rev Allen made a happy response.

Rev I S A Hilliard addressed the Convention along the missionary lines of the church. He urged the sisters to do their "bit" in helping to evangelize the world for Christ.

Bro. Gorton was introduced to the Convention and given a seat of welcome. Collection $3.61. Rev Allen asked God's blessings on the offering. Benediction by Rev. Ellerbee.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

The Convention was called to order by singing. The praise services were conducted by sisters Hilliard and Blakney. Fifth chap. St. Matthew was read. Prayer by sister Hilliard.

The Holly Ghost came in our midst in copious showers. The Convention proceeded to business. President presiding.

Mrs P G Shephard, President of the Women's State Convention was introduced. She spoke to the sisters of how she depended on the Lord and how she give her time to him.

Some committees made their reports. See elewhere for reports.

Rev G W Carver, accompanied by other ministers, ascended the rostrum to preach the missionary sermon.

Rev James Horne lined C M hymn, "In all my Lord's appointed way," and the 8th chap. of St. Matthew. Prayer by Rev C M McNeill. "Let every mortal ear attend" was sung.

Rev Thomas, with well fitted words, introduced Rev G W Carver to deliver the sermon. Text Joshua 2:21, "And she said

according unto your words so be it. Subject : 'Hang out your sign.' While he spoke to us out of God's word, our hearts were made to rejoice in the God of our salvation. Music, "There is peace in that land" Prayer by Rev. I. S. Ingram.

Mrs. Shephard again spoke to us on the subject of missions and the women's work, and how Christ met them at the sepulcher and spoke to them. She satd many good things which made us glad to have her in our midst. Revs W M Allen and James Horne lifted the collection. Am't $15.76. God's blessings were asked on the offering by sister Alice Jackson. Benediction by Rev G W Carver.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention was called together by singing "There is peace in that land, etc.

The committees on place, officers, delegates to State Convention and on finance, made their reports. Reports adopted.

The Chairman of the Executive Board reported $6.46—a present for the president. Collection for Mrs P G Shephard $9.10 ings were asked on the offering by sister Shephard.

Rev Mials, representing the Orphanage at Winston-Salem, spoke of his work. Collection was taken for his work. Amount $5.15. Benediction by Rev Mials.

Total amount raised in the Convention $124.33.

MRS. ANNIE C. ROBINSON, President.

MRS. MARTHA STREATER, Sec.

THE COMMITTEES REPORT

On Place.—We, you committee on place, recommend that the next Union be held with Saron church, two miles north of Polkton, in December, 1920.

On Deaths.—We, your committee on obituary, beg to make the following report: Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty God our Heavenly Father, to remove from labor to reward the following members: Sisters Hattie Polk, Chanie Sturdivant, Lelsie Hunter, Lizzie Smith, Adeline Medlin, Bros. James Smith William ....., we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well. Respectfully your Committee

On Delegates.—We recommend that we send Mrs Cora B Horne and Mrs S L Davis as delegates to the State Convention.

Respectfully your Committee

(Why I haven't put down the disbursements in full is, I haven't heard from the finance committee.) Here is all I have :

To S ec'y for service	$ 3.00
To State Convention	75.00
To Zion Association	20.00
To Rev. Mials, Winston Orphanage	5.15
To Mrs. P G Shepherd, donation	9.10

W. I. C. Circle and Sunshine Band—

Parsons Grove–W.I.C., Nellie Haily, Martha Bird, Lilesville, N.C.

Ebenezer–W.I.C., Ida Richardson, Mary Thomas, Wadesboro, N C

New Zion–S. S. B., Estella McLendon, Ruth Horne, Peachland, N, C.

Elizabeth M.—Mrs. Ida Hasty, Mother

On Home Mission Circle—

Friendship--Mrs Odessa Livingstone, Pres.; Mrs Lizzie Ellis, Sec'y, Monroe, N C Given for home missions $15.00 foreign missions $75.00; sent to Convention $2.00.

Brown Creek--Miss Nunie Sturdivant, Pres.; Miss Cathrene Gatewood, Sec'y, Wadesboro, N. C. Members 14. Sent to Convention $1.00.

Mt. Zion--Mrs Hattie Jones, Pres. Mrs Laura Crump, Sec'y, Polkton, N. C.; members 14. Sent to Convention $2.00.

New Grove--Alice Jackson, Pres. Iler Biles, Sec'y, Polkton, N. C. Members 40. Sent to Convention $20.00.

Saron--Gillie Hailey, Pres. Laura Crump. Secy. Polkton, N C

Elizabeth M--Annie C Robinson, Pres. S M Ingram, Sec'y. Monroe, N. C. Members 25. Sent to convention $2.70.

New Zion.--Annie Cash, Pres. Ada Polk, Sec'y, Peachland, N. C. Members 15. Sent to convention $3.00.

Nicy Grove--Mary Crowder, Pres.; S L Davis, Sec., Wingate, N. C. Amount sent to convention $4.00.

Elizabeth P D--Henretta Diggs, Pres. Anna Pratt, Sec.,

Pee Dee, N. C. Amount sent convention $2,00.

Parsons Grove--Annie Curlee, Pres. Ellen Ricketts, Sec., Lilesville, N. C. Members 30.

Poplar Springs--Eliza Thomas, Pres. R W Curlee, Sec., Polkton, N. C. Members 20. Am't sent to convention $6.00.

Ebenezer--Fannie Little, Pres, Georgia A Crowder, Sec., Wadesboro, N. C. Members 10. Sent to convention $2.00.

Long Pine----------Sent to convention $3.00.

Rockford E--Annie Martin, Pres., Wadesboro, N. C. Sent to convention $10.00.

Deep Creek--Katie Horne, Pres., Peachland, N. C.

Oakboro--

Chilson Grove--

Meltonsville--Martha Bowman, Pres., Peachland, N. C. Members 110. Sent to convention $3.00.

Fletcher's Grove--Sent to convention $1.00.

Ramah Grove--Lucy Boyd, Pres. Florence Marshall, Sec. McFarlan, N. C.

White Oak--Isabella Melton, Pres. Clarie McRay, Sec., Morven, N. C.

Pleasant Hill--Josephine Little, Pres. Pearl Little, Sec., Morven, N. C. Sent to Convention $2.00.

Sandy Ridge--Henretta Smith, Pres., Morven, N. C.

Madison Grove--Annie Baucum, Pres. Ollie G. Ratliff, Sec., Wadesboro, N. C.

Poplar Hill--